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2012 GLOBAL DIASPORA FORUM

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The **Office of the Science & Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State (STAS)** in partnership with the **Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES),** the **Bureau of International Information Programs (IIP)**, the **Global Partnership Initiative (GPI)** and the **U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Office of Innovation and Development Alliances (IDEA)** will host:

NETWORKS OF DIASPORAS IN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE (NODES)

Science Diaspora Networking Reception July 25, 2012, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
(National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, NW)
&

Science Diaspora Conference July 26, 2012, 2:30pm – 6:00pm
(Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW)

"Diaspora communities have the potential to be the most powerful people-to-people asset we can bring to the world's table. Because of your familiarity with cultural norms, your own motivations, your own special skills and leadership, you are, frankly, our Peace Corps, our USAID, our OPIC, our State Department rolled into one."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, May 11, 2011

This conference will highlight the contributions of science diasporas to economic growth in the United States and to the development of their ancestral countries of origin through research, innovation and education. *NODES* will showcase the power of "whole-of-society" science diplomacy as an important mechanism to build knowledge-and innovation-based societies around the world and to spread scientific values such as meritocracy and transparency that support economic growth and democracy. We look forward to discussions on how to build new partnerships, to share experiences, and to find new ways to tap into the potential of science diasporas to build partnerships between the U.S. and communities around the world.

These conference events are by invitation only. For more information please email Osmaan Minhas at MinhasO@state.gov or visit http://www.diasporaalliance.org

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